

Lesson 34

Words To Learn This Week

candidate
precede
adolescent
coeducational
radical
spontaneous
skim
vaccinate
untidy
utensil
sensitive
temperate

"His words are a very fantastical banquet,
just so many strange dishes."

—Shakespeare, *Much Ado About Nothing*

1. **candidate** (kan' də dāt) person who is proposed for some office or honor
 - a. We can have a maximum* of four **candidates** for the office of president.
 - b. Each **candidate** for mayor seemed confident* he would be victorious.*
 - c. The **candidate** took every precaution* to avoid* mentioning his opponent* by name.
2. **precede** (pre sed') go before; come before; be higher in rank or importance
 - a. Lyndon Johnson **preceded** Richard Nixon as president.
 - b. In a gallant* gesture, Ronnie allowed Amanda's name to **precede** his in the program listing.
 - c. A prominent* speaker **preceded** the ceremony of the granting of the diplomas.
3. **adolescent** (ad' ə les' nt) growing up to manhood or womanhood; youthful; a person from about 13 to 22 years of age
 - a. In his **adolescent** years, the candidate* claimed, he had undergone many hardships.*
 - b. There is a fiction* abroad* that every **adolescent** is opposed to tradition.*
 - c. Our annual rock festival attracts* thousands of **adolescents**.
4. **coeducational** (kō ej' e ka' shən l) having to do with educating both sexes in the same school
 - a. There has been a massive* shift to **coeducational** schools.
 - b. **Coeducational** institutions, once thought to have a disruptive* effect, have been found to be beneficial.*
 - c. In choosing a college, Ned leans toward schools that are **coeducational**.
5. **radical** (rad' ə kl) going to the root; fundamental; extreme; person with extreme opinions
 - a. The tendency* to be vicious* and cruel is a **radical** fault.
 - b. We observe that the interest in **radical** views is beginning to subside.*
 - c. Because Richard was a **radical**, the Conservative Party would not accept him as a candidate.*
6. **spontaneous** (spon ta' nē əs) of one's own free will; natural; on the spur of the moment; without rehearsal
 - a. The vast* crowd burst into **spontaneous** cheering at the skillful play.
 - b. Be cautious* with these oily rags because they can break out in **spontaneous** flame.
 - c. William's **spontaneous** resentment* at the mention of his sister was noted by the observant* teacher.
7. **skim** (skim) remove from the top; move lightly (over); glide along; read hastily or carelessly
 - a. This soup will be more nourishing* if you **skim** off the fat.
 - b. I caught a glimpse* of Mark and Marge **skimming** over the ice.
 - c. Detective Corby, assigned to the homicide,* was **skimming** through the victim's book of addresses.
8. **vaccinate** (vak' sə nāt) inoculate with vaccine as a protection against smallpox and other diseases
 - a. There has been a radical* decline in polio since doctors began to **vaccinate** children with the Salk vaccine.
 - b. The general population* has accepted the need to **vaccinate** children against the once-dreaded* disease.
 - c. Numerous* examples persist* of people who have neglected* to have their infants **vaccinated**.

9. **untidy** (un tī' dē) not neat; not in order
 - a. The bachelor's* quarters* were most **untidy**.
 - b. We must start a clean-up campaign to keep the campus* from being so **untidy**.
 - c. Finding the house in such an **untidy** condition baffled* us.
10. **utensil** (ū ten' səl) container or tool used for practical purposes
 - a. Several **utensils** were untidily* tossed about the kitchen.
 - b. Edward's baggage* contained all the **utensils** he would need on the camping trip.
 - c. Some people are so old-fashioned that they reject* the use of any modern **utensil**.
11. **sensitive** (sen' sə tiv) receiving impressions readily; easily affected or influenced; easily hurt or offended
 - a. The eye is **sensitive** to light.
 - b. From the experiment we may conclude* that mercury in a thermometer is **sensitive** to changes in temperature.
 - c. James is **sensitive** about his wretched* handwriting.
12. **temperate** (tem' pər it) not very hot and not very cold; moderate
 - a. The United States is mostly in the North **Temperate** Zone
 - b. All students received the appeal* to be **temperate** and not to jump to conclusions* in judging the new grading system.
 - c. Mrs. Rollins commended* her class for their **temperate** attitude when she announced the extra assignment.

Read the following passage to see how the new words are used in it.

A Course for Parents

A course entitled "The Responsibilities of Parenthood" sounds as if it should be offered to students who are immediate **candidates** for parenthood. Not according to Dr. Lee Salk, who feels that teaching children about parenthood should **precede** the **adolescent** years. Dr. Salk, of the New York Hospital, teaches a volunteer* **coeducational** class of junior high school youngsters what it means to be a parent. He does not lecture* or present **radical** views. Rather, he conducts **spontaneous** discussions by encouraging* students to imagine that they are parents and asking them such questions as "What would you do if you found your child smoking?" or "How would you prepare your child for the first day of school?" The lessons **skim** over such topics as the need

to **vaccinate** children against diseases or to teach them not to be **untidy** or to use **utensils** properly. The class is more concerned with preparing students emotionally to become better parents some day and with making children **sensitive** to the responsibilities of parenthood.

The class members often express **temperate** and mature views. One girl said she would not approve of having a nurse bring up her child. Another felt that money earned through baby-sitting or other jobs should be shared with parents. When asked how his students rate, Dr. Salk retained* a hopeful outlook. "They are ready for this information," he declared. "I think they'll be honest parents."

Place one of the new words in each of the blanks below.

1. It is to Mitchell's credit that he gained a harvest* of friends in his _____ years.
2. The _____ who gets the job must have an adequate* knowledge* of journalism.*
3. Detective Wayne threatened* to take _____ action if the outlaws* did not surrender.
4. You can scarcely* call Jay's hour-long acceptance speech a _____ response* to his victory.
5. If you consent* to have yourself _____ against the Asiatic flu, you will be relieved* of further tension or worry.
6. Brad identified* the _____ as a miniature* radiation gauge.
7. Kim is _____ about her poor grades, yet she rejects* offers of help.
8. The warden* tried to soothe* the violent* men by speaking to them in a _____ manner.
9. From the piles of rubbish it is obvious* that the occupant* of this room was an _____ person.
10. The data* show that _____ classes tend to encourage* greater competition* in learning.